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DRAFT DECISION IV

Implementation of evaluation recommendations

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment programme, the national technical cooperation assessments and programmes, and coordination of development assistance to the least developed countries, performed by the Central Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (DP/1990/17 and DP/1991/22),

Reaffirming that the development of developing countries and their attainment of self-reliance are the principal concerns of the United Nations Development Programme and that it should devote increased attention to national capacity-building for self-reliance,

Recognizing that the United Nations Development Programme's technical cooperation to developing countries should significantly contribute to building national capacity in those countries,

Reaffirming the principles embodied in the Consensus of 1970 (General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970) and in Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977,

1. Urges the Administrator to implement the recommendations of the above-mentioned evaluation reports, with particular attention to the need to:

(a) Address capacity-building at the national policy and programme planning and coordination level in an integrated fashion as an important objective of the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) Establish the building of self-sustaining institutional capacities for the management of development as the guiding mandate for its programmes in the least developed countries, in consonance with its overall responsibility for encouraging self-reliant development;

(c) Develop a conceptual framework for assisting least developed countries as well as other countries that might have insufficient capacity in this regard to formulate and implement appropriate institutional development strategies;

(d) Involve the agencies of the United Nations system as full partners in accordance with their respective mandates and taking into account their capacities and comparative advantage, in the formulation and implementation of institutional development strategies;

2. Requests the Administrator to implement the following recommendations of the 4th meeting of the Steering Committee of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project as presented on 10 April 1991 in Paris:

(a) Social Dimensions of Adjustment should further focus on the development and execution of such projects on a country basis;

(b) Social Dimensions of Adjustment country projects should concentrate more on policy analysis and policy advice;

(c) Social Dimensions of Adjustment needs a clearer priority focus;

(d) The Social Dimensions of Adjustment reports should be more problem oriented;

(e) The function of the Steering Committee should be made clearer.

3. Also requests the Administrator to include a progress report on the implementation of the three evaluations in his annual report to the Governing Council.